

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **LEE, et al**

Confirmation No.: 8246

Appl. No.: **10/821,128**

Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.

For: **METHODS OF SYNTHESIZING AND  
LABELING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES**

Atty. Docket: IVGN 373

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND**

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop: RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of 02November 2009, which provided a shortened statutory period for reply of three-months. Applicants herewith file a petition for extension of time for three-months, extending the date to reply up to and including 03 May 2010 (02 May 2010 falls on a Sunday). Applicants herewith also file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with appropriate fees. Please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-3994.

Amendments to claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.